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**Subject:** RE: Offer of assistance from CDC/ATSDR's Assessment of Chemical Exposures (ACE) program (Ames Warehouse Fire Parkersburg)

PS do you know anything about a letter or release from Dr. Gupta on this incident? Jim Rose at LHD said something came out?

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**From:** Thomasson, Erica R [mailto:Erica.R.Thomasson@wv.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Offer of assistance from CDC/ATSDR's Assessment of Chemical Exposures (ACE) program (Ames Warehouse Fire Parkersburg)

Hi Lora,

Hope your trip home was uneventful! Thank you again for all of your expertise and support of the Bureau.

Have you had any luck scheduling a call regarding the ACE? I am available anytime this afternoon.

Thanks,  
Erica

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Hi, Eric!

We can provide a team of epidemiologists to evaluate the community exposure questions of most concern to your county under this program, and we can also work with the other parts of CDC to similarly help evaluate worker/responder exposure concerns as well. We would need to facilitate your local health department request through the state epidemiologist at WV BPH in Charleston via a letter (see attached example), since this program is implemented via a CDC EPI-AID.

I recommend we get together by phone and talk about your options and how we might be most helpful to you. Is there any chance you might be free between 3-4 pm today to discuss? I could gather others from WV BPH and ATSDR HQ in ATL to join us via a conference line. Or if another time would work better for you, just let me know and I will try to work that out!

Best, Lora

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Laura,

We would love to have additional resources. What specific resources is your agency able to provide?

Thank you,

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Hello Dr. Whitaker!

Despite my confusing EPA email address, I work for part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

I wanted to make sure you were aware you could request the resources of ATSDR's Assessment of Chemical Exposures (ACE) program. This is an epidemiological resource available to your county after an incident evolving chemical exposures occurs like the Ames Warehouse Fire. ACE provides technical assistance by forming a multi-disciplinary, often multi-agency, team to assist the state and local health department. Team members may assist from ATSDR headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia or deploy to the scene. I have been communicating about this with Walt Ivey (Office of Environmental Health Services) who talked with Amy Atkins (Center for Local Health) WV BPH. If this is of interest to the county, we would work through the state epi at WV BPH to make this request on the county's behalf. We would only pursue this if it might be of help to you and the LHD. Would you like to have a phone call to discuss this further?

Best regards, Lora

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/ntsip/ace.html>

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